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Headline estimates of employment, unemployment, underemployment, participation and hours worked from the monthly Labour Force Survey

Reference period March 2025

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Key statistics

In trend terms, in March 2025:

- unemployment rate remained at 4.0%.
- participation rate decreased to 66.9%.
- employment increased to 14,567,200.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.2%.
- underemployment remained at 5.9%.
- monthly hours worked remained at 1,972 million.

In seasonally adjusted terms, in March 2025:

- unemployment rate increased to 4.1%.
- participation rate increased to 66.8%.
- employment increased to 14,544,100.

- employment to population ratio remained at 64.1%.
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- monthly hours worked decreased to 1,965 million.
- full-time employment increased by 15,000 to 10,014,100 people.
- part-time employment increased by 17,200 to 4,530,000 people.

Key statistics - Trend

	Feb-25	Mar-25	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	14,553,300	14,567,200	13,900	0.1%	330,600	2.3%
Unemployed people	613,200	614,600	1,500	0.2%	26,800	4.6%
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.0%	0.0 pts	na	0.1 pts	na
Underemployment rate	5.9%	5.9%	0.0 pts	na	-0.7 pts	na
Participation rate	67.0%	66.9%	-0.1 pts	na	0.2 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,972 million	1,972 million	0 million	0.0%	42 million	2.2%

Key statistics - Seasonally adjusted

	Feb-25	Mar-25	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	14,511,900	14,544,100	32,200	0.2%	308,000	2.2%
Unemployed people	610,900	613,900	3,000	0.5%	40,800	7.1%
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.1%	0.0 pts	na	0.2 pts	na
Underemployment rate	5.9%	5.9%	0.0 pts	na	-0.6 pts	na
Participation rate	66.7%	66.8%	0.0 pts	na	0.2 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,970 million	1,965 million	-6 million	-0.3%	14 million	0.7%

Estimates of changes throughout this release are calculated using un-rounded level estimates and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded level estimates.

For definitions of labour statistics used in this publication, please refer to [Glossary of Labour Force, Australia methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/mar-2025#glossary\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/mar-2025#glossary).

Survey impacts and changes

Managing the impacts of natural disasters on Labour Force Statistics

Recent natural disasters, including ex-Tropic Cyclone Alfred and other major flooding events, in New South Wales and Queensland in March 2025 resulted in disruptions to the collection of the Labour Force Survey in affected areas. As a result, there was lower than usual numbers of responding households in some of the affected regions in March 2025. The ABS has imputed some sample responses within the following SA4s:

- Mid North Coast (NSW),
- Moreton Bay – North (Qld), and
- Townsville (Qld).

The ABS has also reviewed the data for Townsville SA4 for February 2025 and has revised the February survey estimates with imputed sample responses in that area.

This imputation approach drew upon previous information that had recently been collected from survey respondents in the previous month in the affected areas. The method was consistent with the approach used to

address impacts from previous natural disasters experienced in February 2019 and March 2022. The ABS also utilised hours-related information for populations in affected areas and adjacent areas to estimate the impact on hours worked (which is where labour market impacts from floods, bushfires and cyclones are generally observed, more than changes in employment or unemployment).

For March 2025, 1.3% of the sample was imputed using this approach (1.0% of the sample in New South Wales and 7.5% of the sample in Queensland).

The imputation approach will be re-assessed once April 2025 data has been collected from the affected areas.

Data for the impacted SA4s for February 2025 and March 2025 will be published in Labour Force, Australia, Detailed on 24th April, however the ABS recommends using Labour Force Survey data from impacted regions with caution. The ABS recommends using the modelled estimates in [MRM1 \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release#modelled-labour-market-regions-sa4-\)](#) over the direct survey estimates whenever possible in reporting on employment and unemployment rates for regional labour markets.

Users of the matched sample analysis should also exercise some caution when looking at New South Wales and Queensland data between February and March, given the effect of the imputation for these two states.

Survey response and timeline



The March 2025 Labour Force Survey was run in respect of the two weeks from Sunday 2 March to Saturday 15 March, and collected over the period from Sunday 9 March to Saturday 29 March.

The ABS would like to thank Australians for their continued support in responding to our surveys, given how critically important this information is.

Reference and Enumeration Dates

Publication	Start of Reference Week	End of Reference Week	Start of Enumeration	End of Enumeration
Feb-25	2nd February 2025	15th February 2025	9th February 2025	1st March 2025
Mar-25	2nd March 2025	15th March 2025	9th March 2025	29th March 2025
Apr-25	30th March 2025	12th April 2025	6th April 2025	26th April 2025
May-25	4th May 2025	17th May 2025	11th May 2025	31st May 2025
Jun-25	1st June 2025	14th June 2025	8th June 2025	28th June 2025
Jul-25	29th June 2025	12th July 2025	6th July 2025	26th July 2025

Release of Labour Force Survey TableBuilder product

The ABS has recently released Labour Force Survey data into [TableBuilder \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/labour-force-survey\)](#). Data from August 2006 to July 2024 is currently available, with the intention to move to more concurrent and frequent releases of data later this year.

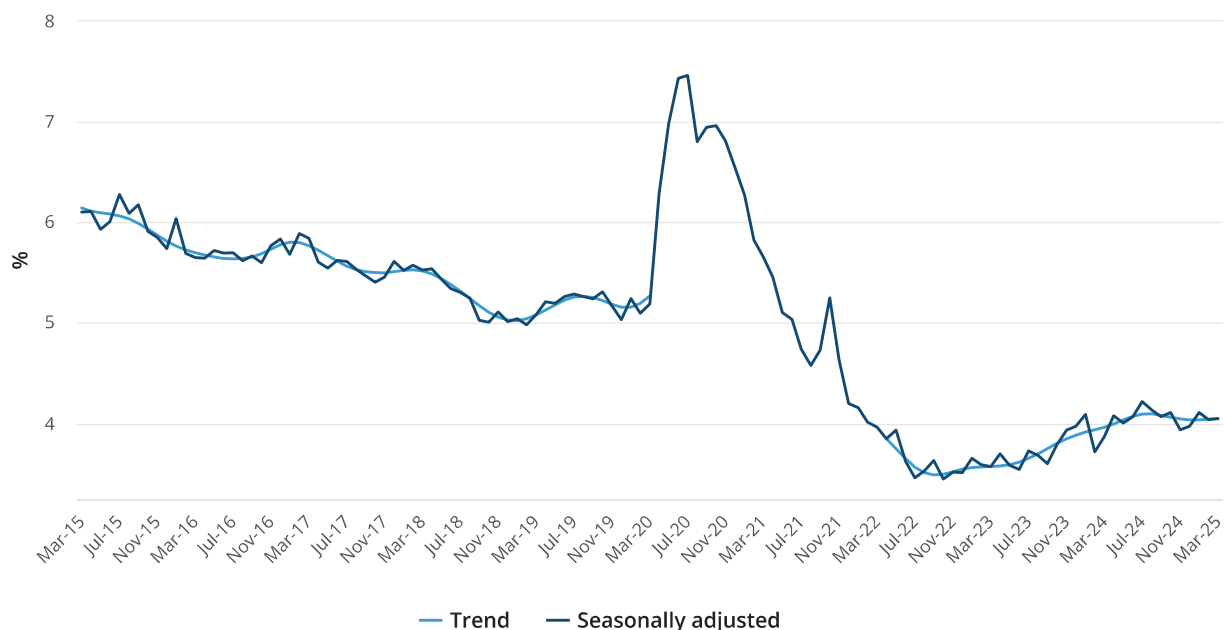
The TableBuilder product will allow users to create custom tables on a wide range of Labour Force Survey data, usually only available in set products in [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#). This new product will be in addition to the existing Labour Force Supplementary Survey datasets currently available in TableBuilder (e.g. Characteristics of Employment).

New TableBuilder users will need to [register \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder\)](#) to gain access. Existing TableBuilder users can request access to the dataset by contacting microdata.access@abs.gov.au (<mailto:microdata.access@abs.gov.au>?Subject=!%20want%20to%20register%20my%20organisation%20for%20Census%20TableBuilder%20Pro&Body=Dear%20ABS%0D%0A%0D%0APlease%20register%20my%20organisation%20for%20Census%20TableBuild

This release is one of many planned improvements to how users can access and interact with an expanded range of labour statistics products, as part of an investment to address priority labour market data gaps. Further information on this work can be found in [Labour statistics recent and upcoming developments \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/labour-statistics-recent-and-upcoming-developments\)](#).

- unemployment rate remained at 4.0%.
- unemployed people increased by 1,500 to 614,600.
- youth unemployment rate remained at 9.0%.

Unemployment rate



Large month-to-month changes occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in multiple trend breaks. The ABS recommends caution when using trend estimates published in spreadsheets in this release for this period. Information on trend breaks can be found in [Labour Force, Australia methodology, March 2025 \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/mar-2025\)](#).

Employment

In trend terms, in March 2025, employment increased by 13,900 people (0.1%) to 14,567,200 people.

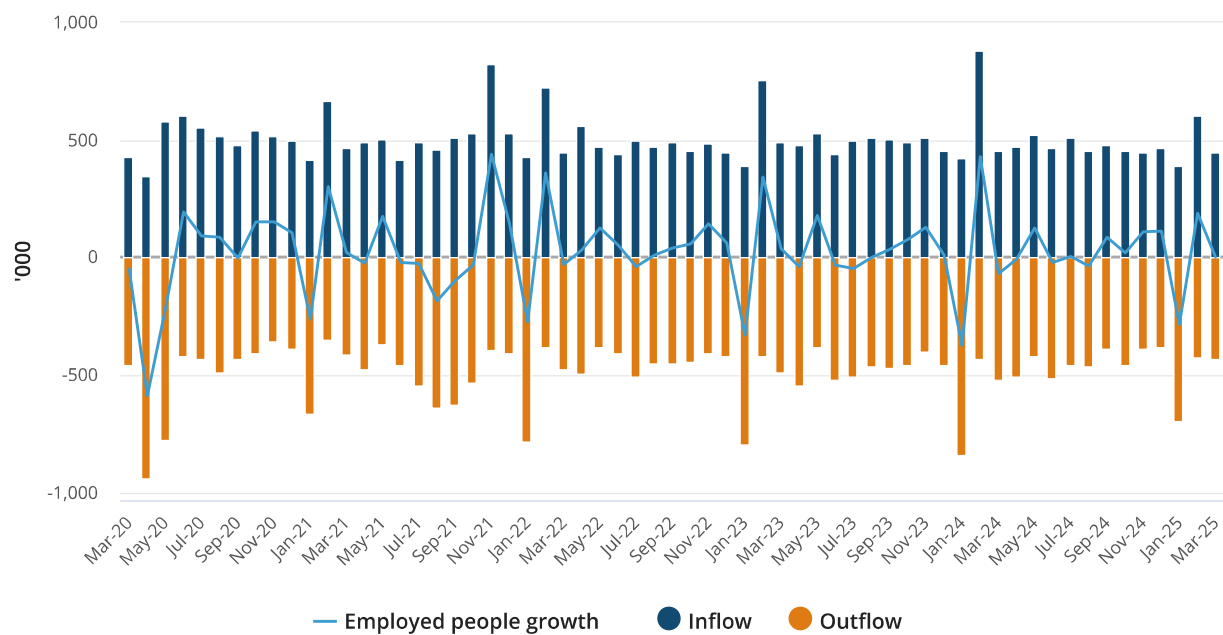
Flows into and out of employment



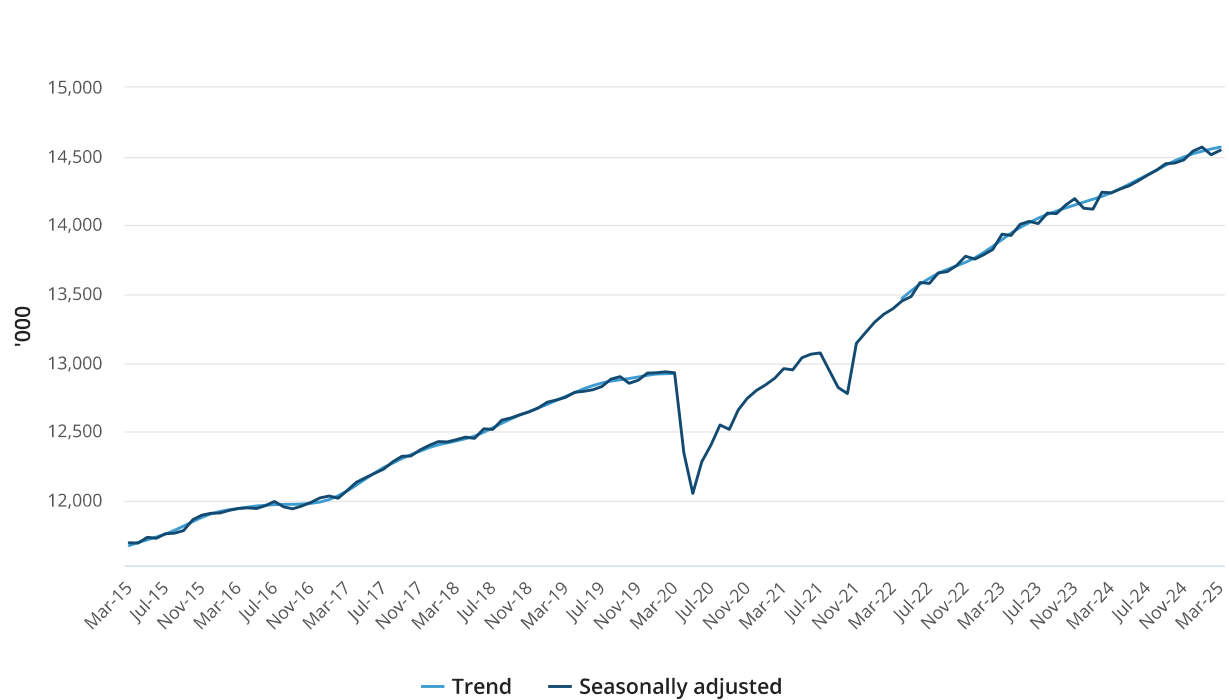
Flows into and out of employment are extensive and are based on the net matched sample of original employment growth between two consecutive months (around 80% of the sample). The (net) sum of the inflows and outflows does not necessarily equal the 'net' employment growth.

For March 2025, the net change in the number of employed people is the result of around 445,000 people entering employment (i.e. they were not employed in February 2025 but were employed in March 2025), while around 430,000 people left employment (i.e. they were employed in February 2025 but not employed in March 2025). This contrasts with February 2025, where around 606,000 people entered employment and around 421,000 people left employment.

Monthly inflows, outflows and employment growth, Original



Employed people



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Full-time and part-time employment

In trend terms, in March 2025:

- full-time employment increased by 1,900 to 10,030,800 people, and part-time employment increased by 12,000 to 4,536,400 people.
- part-time share of employment was 31.1%.

Employment-to-population ratio

In trend terms, in March 2025, the employment-to-population ratio remained at 64.2%.

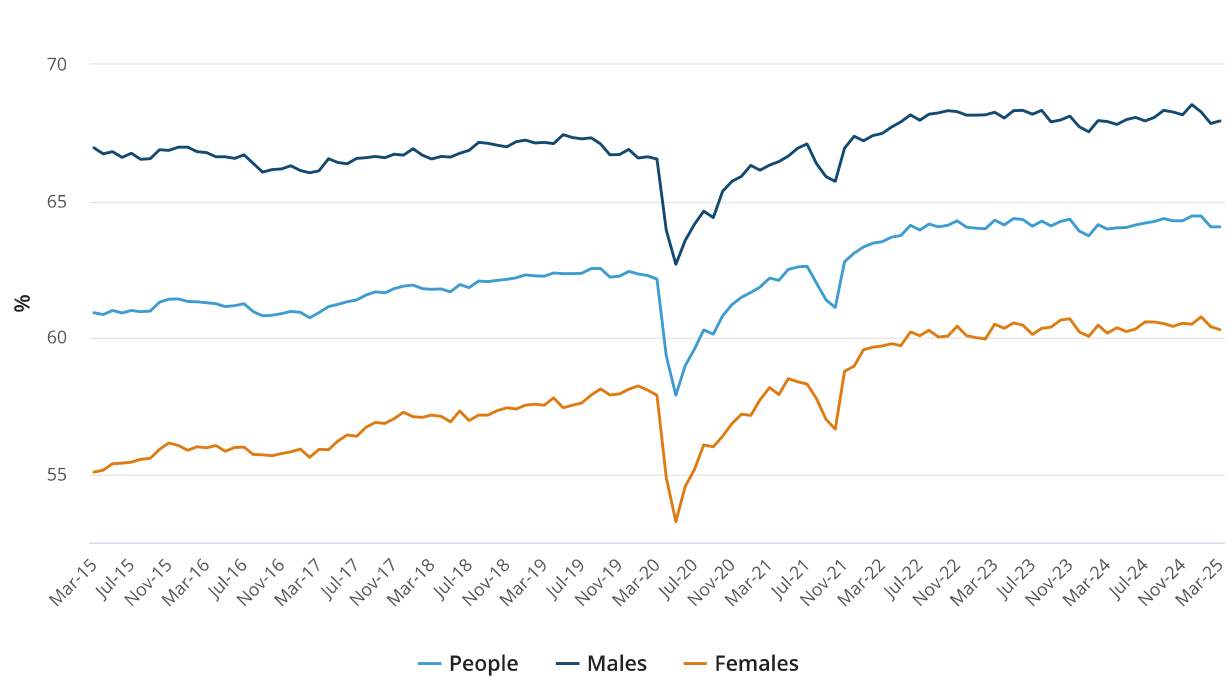
The employment-to-population ratio provides a measure of employment relative to the size of the population.

Employment-to-population ratio



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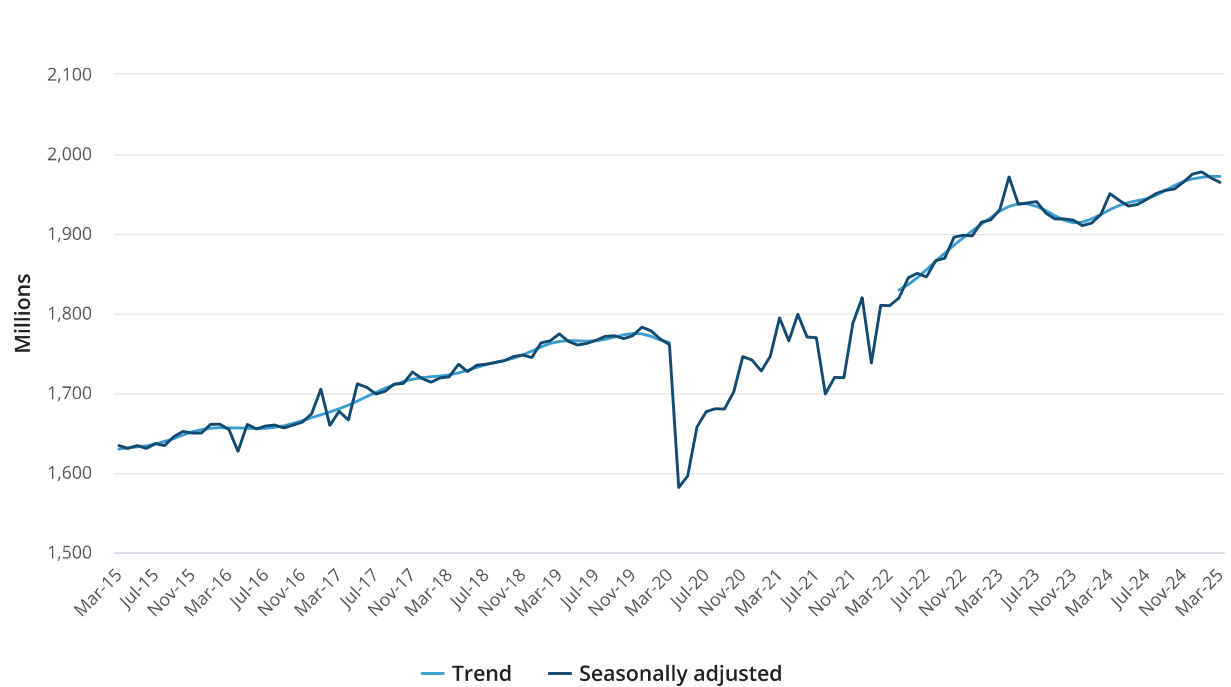
Employment-to-population ratio, Seasonally adjusted



Hours worked

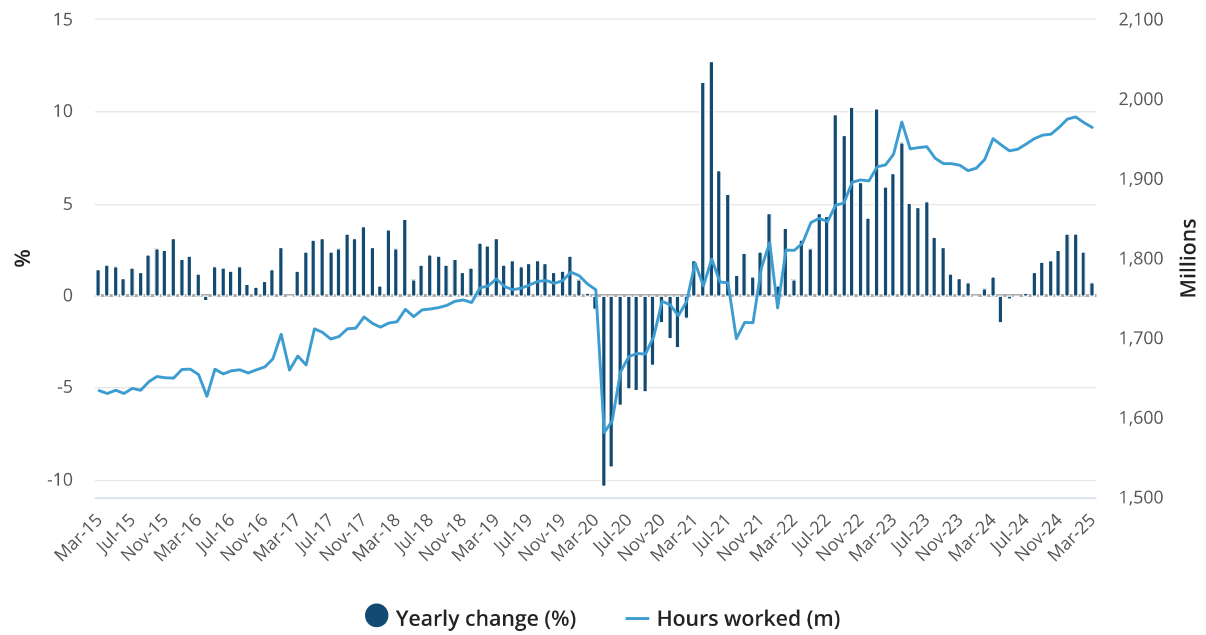
In trend terms, in March 2025, monthly hours worked in all jobs remained at 1,972 million hours.

Monthly hours worked in all jobs



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Monthly hours worked in all jobs, Seasonally adjusted

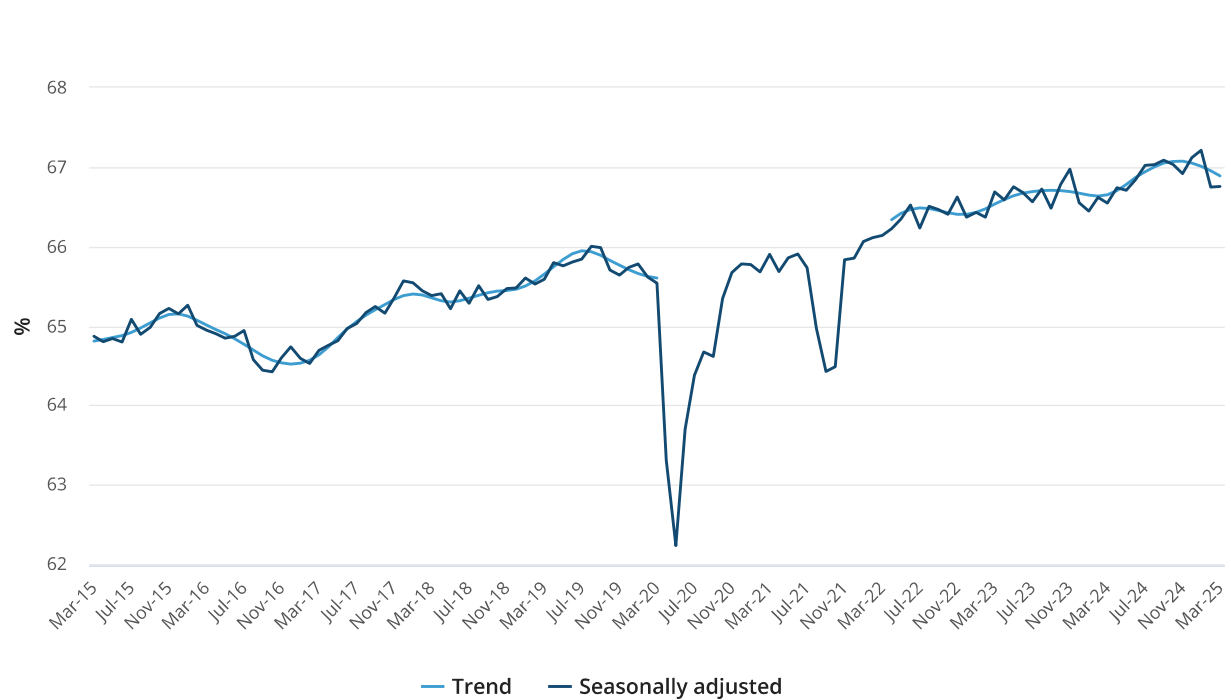


Participation

In trend terms, in March 2025, the participation rate:

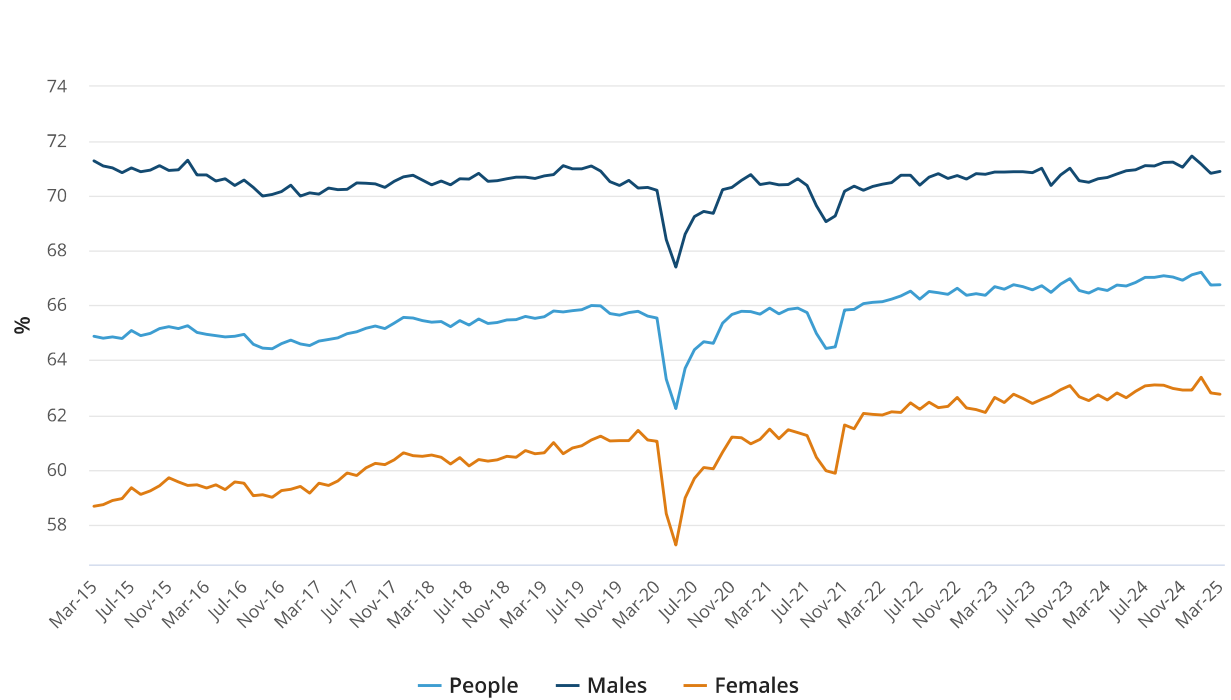
- decreased to 66.9%.
- decreased to 71.0% for men and remained at 62.9% for women.

Participation rate



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Participation rate, Seasonally adjusted

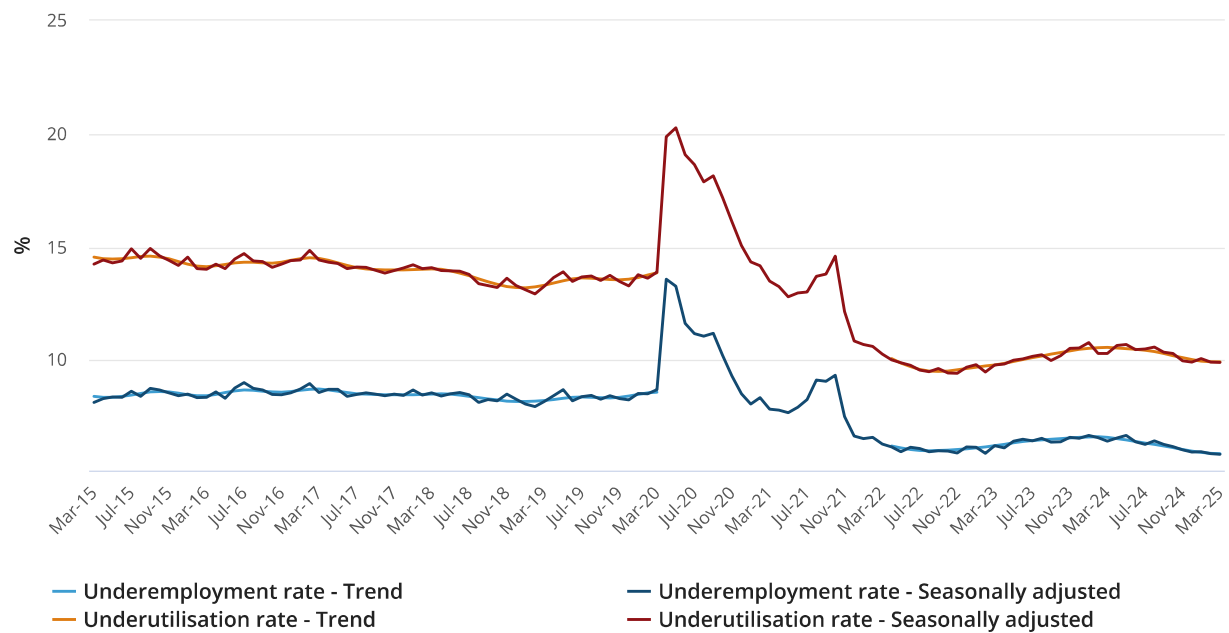


Underemployment

In trend terms, in March 2025:

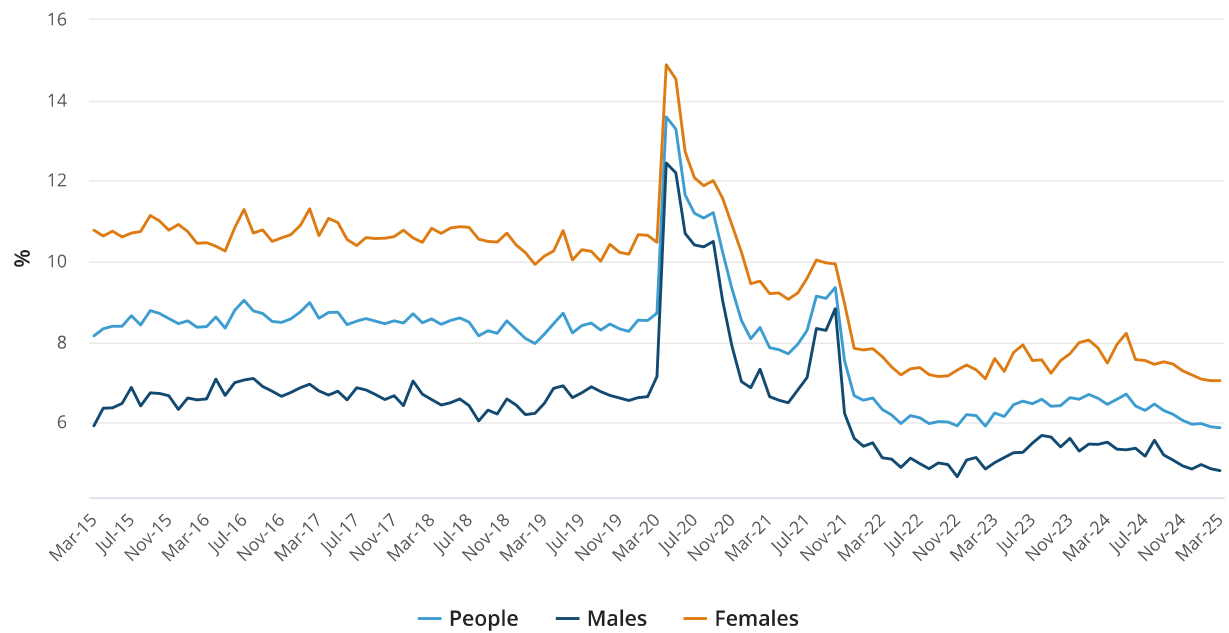
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- underutilisation rate decreased to 9.9%.

Underemployment rate and underutilisation rate



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Underemployment rate, Seasonally adjusted



States and Territories

March 2025 - Trend

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Employed people	4,494,500	3,785,600	2,981,400	963,100	1,646,600	282,400	140,400	272,400	14,567,200
Employed people - monthly change	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%
Employment to population ratio	63.6%	64.6%	64.3%	61.0%	66.6%	58.2%	70.0%	69.8%	64.2%
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	-0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	0.3 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.1 pts
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.5%	3.9%	3.9%	3.5%	3.9%	4.1%	2.9%	4.0%
Unemployment rate - monthly change	0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts
Underemployment rate	5.7%	6.1%	6.2%	6.1%	5.7%	7.5%	3.5%	4.6%	5.9%
Underemployment rate - monthly change	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.1 pts	0.0 pts
Participation rate	66.3%	67.6%	66.9%	63.5%	69.1%	60.5%	73.0%	71.9%	66.9%
Participation rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	0.3 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.1 pts

March 2025 - Seasonally adjusted

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Employed people	4,491,700	3,788,700	2,978,100	964,700	1,642,500	282,500	140,200	273,000	14,544,100
Employed people - monthly change	0.3%	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	1.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%
Employment to population ratio	63.5%	64.6%	64.2%	61.1%	66.5%	58.2%	69.8%	69.9%	64.1%
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	0.1 pts	0.2 pts	0.1 pts	0.2 pts	-0.2 pts	0.7 pts	0.1 pts	0.3 pts	0.0 pts
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.4%	3.9%	4.0%	3.6%	3.9%	3.6%	2.8%	4.1%

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Unemployment rate - monthly change	0.1 pts	-0.3 pts	-0.1 pts	0.2 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.7 pts	0.2 pts	0.0 pts
Underemployment rate	5.8%	6.2%	6.0%	6.1%	5.8%	7.5%	3.2%	4.6%	5.9%
Underemployment rate - monthly change	0.1 pts	0.1 pts	-0.4 pts	-0.1 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.2 pts	0.2 pts	0.0 pts
Participation rate	66.3%	67.6%	66.8%	63.6%	68.9%	60.6%	72.4%	71.9%	66.8%
Participation rate - monthly change	0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.4 pts	-0.1 pts	0.7 pts	-0.4 pts	0.5 pts	0.0 pts

Historical charts

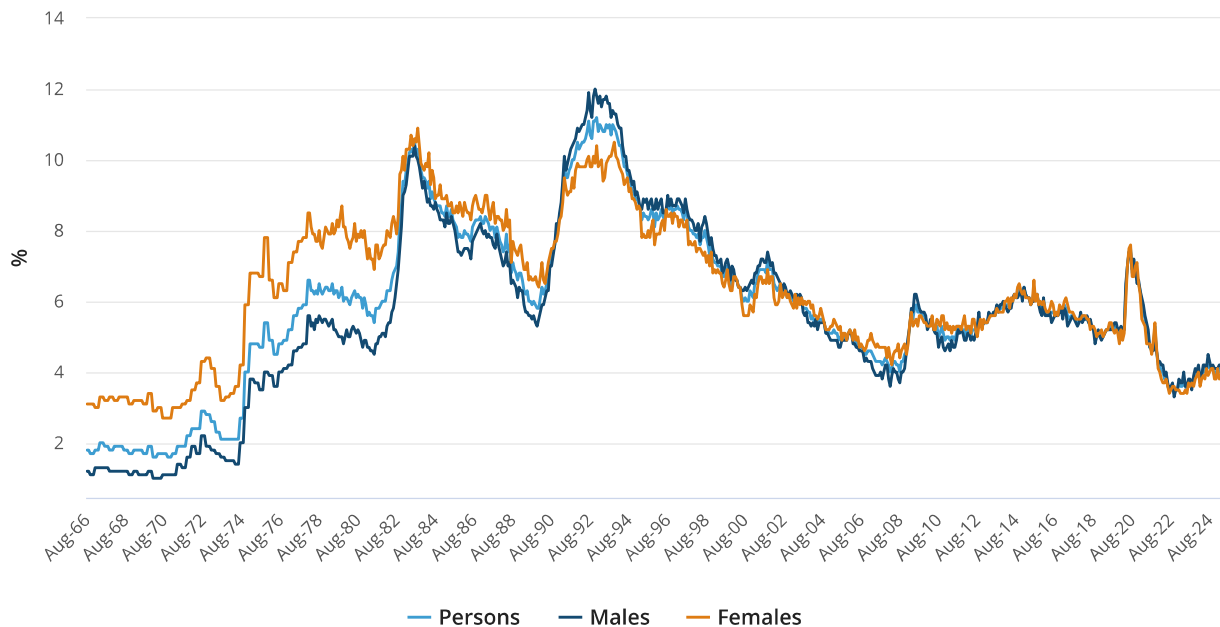
Historical charts for employed, unemployed, unemployment rate and participation rate from August 1966 to March 2025



Historical Labour Force estimates of employment, unemployment rate, and participation rate from the historical quarterly and monthly Labour Force Survey.

Prior to 1978 the historical Labour Force Survey was collected quarterly; the current Labour Force Survey is collected monthly. Please refer to the [history of changes \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/mar-2025#history-of-changes\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40nsf/DetailsPage/6204.0.55.0011966%20to%201984?OpenDocument) to see the differences between the historical and current Labour Force Survey.

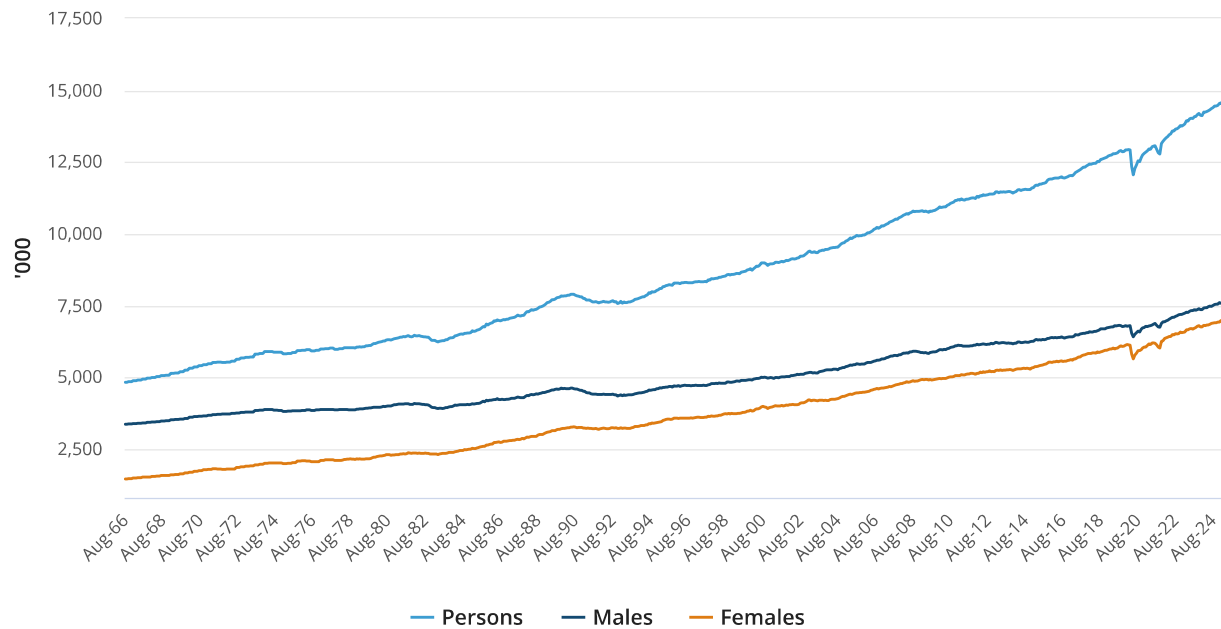
Unemployment rate, Australia, August 1966 to March 2025, Seasonally adjusted



February 1978 to March 2025 estimated monthly, before February 1978 estimated quarterly

Source: [6204.0.55.001 Labour Force Historical Timeseries, Australia, 1966-1984, Seasonally adjusted estimates of the labour force by sex and marital status - 1966-1977](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40nsf/DetailsPage/6204.0.55.0011966%20to%201984?OpenDocument) (<https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40nsf/DetailsPage/6204.0.55.0011966%20to%201984?OpenDocument>), and [6202.0 Labour Force, Australia, Table 1 \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release#data-downloads\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40nsf/DetailsPage/6202.01966%20to%202024?OpenDocument)

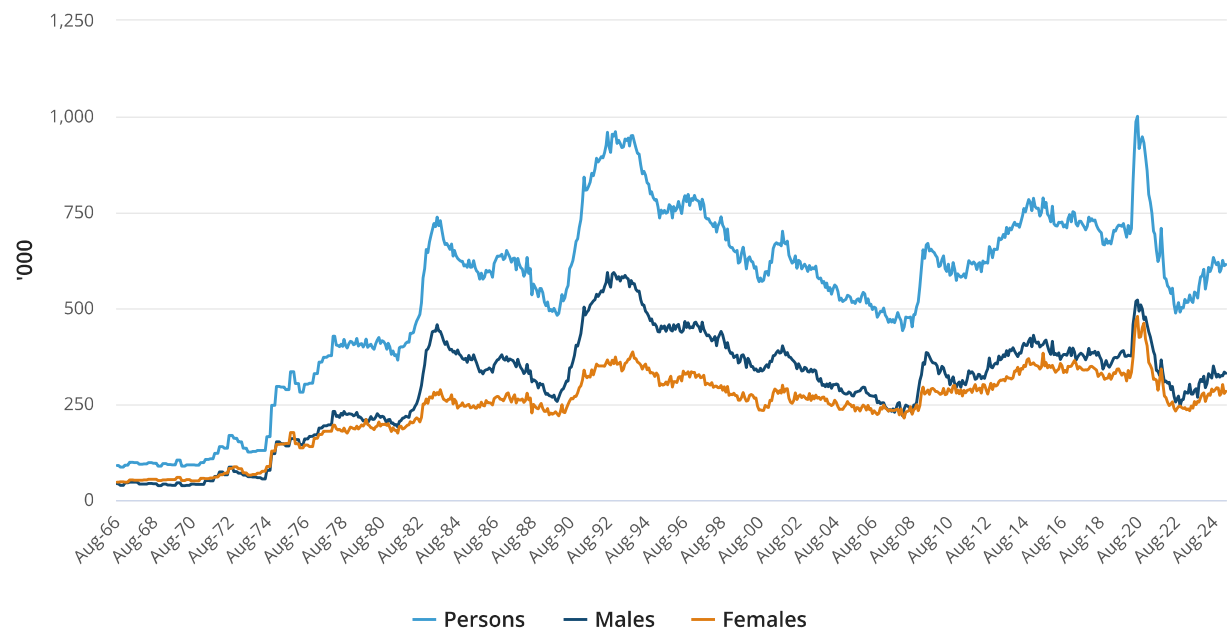
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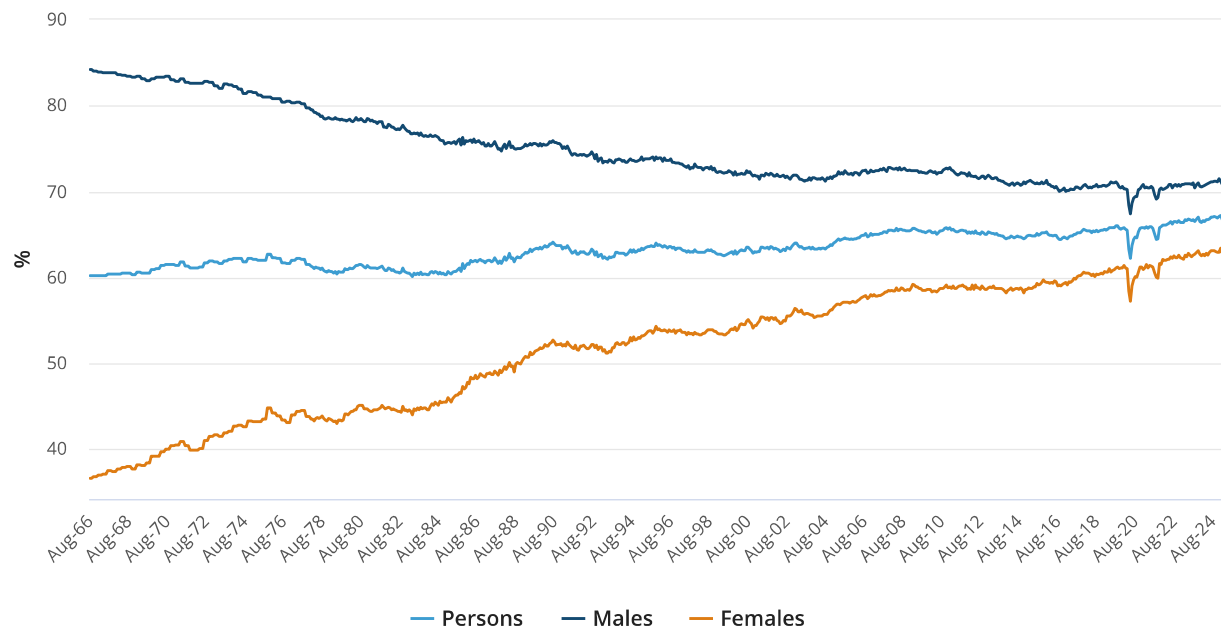
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Participation rate, Australia, August 1966 to March 2025, Seasonally adjusted



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Rotation group analysis

Sample composition and rotation

The Labour Force Survey sample can be thought of as comprising eight sub-samples (rotation groups), with each sub-sample remaining in the survey for eight months, and one group "rotating out" each month and being replaced by a new group "rotating in". As seven-eighths of the sample are common from one month to the next, changes in the estimates reflect real changes in the labour market, rather than changes in the sample. The replacement sample is generally selected from the same geographic areas as the outgoing one, as part of a representative sampling approach.

The sample comprises three components:

- the matched common sample (people who responded in both the current month and previous month)
- the unmatched common sample (people who responded in the current month but who did not respond in the previous month, or vice versa)
- the incoming rotation group (replacing people who rotated out)

The matched common sample describes the change observed for the same respondents in the current and previous month, while the other two components reflect differences between the aggregate labour force status of different

groups of people.

While the rotation groups are designed to be representative of the population, the outgoing and incoming rotation groups will almost always have somewhat different characteristics, as they reflect different households and people. The design of the survey, including the weighting and estimation processes, ensures that these differences are generally relatively minor and do not affect the representativeness of the survey and its estimates. Monthly estimates are designed to be representative, regardless of the relative contribution of the three components of the sample.

The contributions of the three sample components to the original estimates of employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are in the Contribution from sample components to estimates spreadsheet.

Estimates for the incoming and outgoing rotation groups

Incoming and outgoing rotation groups

	February outgoing rotation group	March incoming rotation group	March outgoing rotation group	March estimate (Original)
Employment to population ratio	64.5%	64.7%	64.3%	65.0%
Full-time employment to population ratio	44.9%	44.5%	43.4%	44.5%
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.5%	4.2%	4.3%
Participation rate	67.5%	67.7%	67.2%	67.9%

States and Territories

In addition to analysis across the entire sample, the ABS also undertakes similar analysis for the responding sample in each state and territory each month, and highlights where there is a notable change for users to be aware of. In March, there were no noteworthy differences in the responding sample that were contributing to monthly movements for any of the states and territories. As with any notable month-to-month movement of this nature in state and territory estimates, the ABS recommends exercising a degree of caution in interpreting short-term changes.

As for its reporting for the entire sample, where the ABS has not highlighted a notable incoming rotation group effect, any larger changes should therefore be considered to reflect a broader change across the sample.

Comparability with seasonally adjusted and trend data

The gross flows and rotation group data are in original terms only, and are included to provide additional information on the month-to-month movements. They have a considerable level of inherent sampling variability, which is specifically adjusted for in the trend and seasonally adjusted series. The trend data provides the best measure of the underlying behaviour of the labour market and is the focus of the commentary in this publication.

Contribution from sample components to estimates

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Data downloads

Labour Force Survey results are released in three stages.

1. Spreadsheets of the headline indicators are published in this release

2. Additional, more detailed spreadsheets and pivot tables are published in [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#) one week after this first release

3. Longitudinal labour force microdata are released in the ABS DataLab on a monthly basis, one day after the detailed release (see [Microdata: Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](#).)

See the [Survey output \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/mar-2025#survey-output\)](#) section of Labour Force, Australia methodology for more information.

Labour Force status

Table 1. Labour force status by Sex, Australia - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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